

APPEAL NO. 023282
FILED FEBRUARY 12, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on November 25, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the appellant's (claimant) _____, compensable injury does not extend to include his current disc herniations at C6-7 after August 15, 2001. The claimant appealed on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The file does not contain a response from the respondent (carrier).

DECISION

Affirmed.

We have reviewed the complained-of determination and find that the hearing officer's Decision and Order is supported by sufficient evidence to be affirmed in its entirety. The disputed issue presented a question of fact for the hearing officer. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a); Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ). There was conflicting evidence presented on the disputed issue. It was for the hearing officer, as the trier of fact, to resolve the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence and to determine what facts had been established. Garza v. Commercial Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, 508 S.W.2d 701 (Tex. Civ. App.-Amarillo 1974, no writ). Nothing in our review of the record reveals that the hearing officer's determination is so contrary to the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. As such, no sound basis exists for us to reverse that determination on appeal. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **HIGHLANDS INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77042.**

Daniel R. Barry
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Appeals Panel
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